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1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY, HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES DURING MARKUP OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION HAVE MADE CUTS IN THE NUMBER OF MAAG-TYPE ORGANIZATIONS (DEFENSE FIELD OFFICES AND MILITARY GROUPS) PROPOSED BY THE ADMINISTRATION FOR FY 78. BOTH HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND HUMPHREY SUBCOMMITTEE OF SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ADVOCATED THAT TAIWAN AMONG OTHER COUNTRIES BE DROPPED FROM THE LIST OF COUNTRIES RETAINING SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTEAD BE LIMITED TO A 3-6 MAN "OFFICE OF DEFENSE COOPERATION." ALTHOUGH THE SITUATION IS IN FLUX, IT PRESENTLY APPEARS THAT INSTEAD OF A DEFENSE FIELD OFFICE STAFFED BY 15 MILITARY PERSONNEL AND 5 US CIVILIANS, CONGRESS WILL AUTHORIZE FOR TAIWAN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OFFICE OF DEFENSE COOPERATION MANNED BY SIX

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MILITARY PERSONNEL.

2. THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE APPEARS WILLING TO AUTHORIZE ESTABLISHMENT OF 10 DEFENSE FIELD OFFICES--THE 8 MAP RECIPIENT COUNTRIES, KOREA AND PANAMA. THE HUMPHREY SUBCOMMITTEE IS REPORTEDLY CONSIDERING RETAINING 17 DEFENSE FIELD OFFICES, INCLUDING THE 8 MAP

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